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SUBJECT: SPANISH PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS

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1. PRESIDENCY OF GOVERNMENT RELEASED STATEMENT JULY
13 SHORTLY AFTER PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ RETURNED FROM
HIS LIGHTNING VISIT TO PARIS THE SAME DAY. STATEMENT
SAID THAT MEETING WAS "CHARACTERIZED" BY THE ATMOSPHERE
OF "GREAT CORDIALITY AND SINCERITY". THE TWO MEN
DISCUSSED "THEMES RELATED TO THE CONTEXT OF CLOSE
NEIGHBORING RELATIONS" WHICH EXIST AT PRESENT BETWEEN
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FRANCE AND SPAIN.

2. MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER LATER THAT THE MEETING OF THE TWO PREMIERS WAS DESIGNED TO REASSURE PARIS ABOUT NEW GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND, IN WIDER CONTEXT, BROADER RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF FRENCH SENSITIVITIES (WHICH HE TERMED "BAROQUE") THAT THE KING HAD VISITED THE U.S. BEFORE FRANCE.

3.. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO COME UP WITH THE QUESTION-ABLE THEORY THAT THE FRENCH MAY HAVE WONDERED WHETHER THE CABINET CRISIS SOMEHOW INVOLVED THE UNITED STATES INASMUCH AS THE KING ONLY RECENTLY CONCLUDED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT THERE. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD SOME CRITICISM OF SUAREZ IN LOCAL POLITICAL CIRCLES FOR HASTENING TO FRANCE BEFORE THE NEW GOVT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS POLITICAL PROGRAM.
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